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In re Application of: Gerwig Marquardt  
Serial Number: 09/530,472  
Filed: August 1, 2000  
Examiner: Irina Zemel  
Art Unit: 1711  
Title: Closed-pored silicone foams, process for producing them and their use

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Examiner's Action mailed December 8, 2005 entry of the instantly presented amendment is respectfully requested. Since January 8, 2006 falls on a Sunday the 30-day period for response is extended to Monday, January 9, 2006. Please enter the following amendment and consider the following remarks. Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 and remarks begin on page 4 of this response.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING (37 CFR 1.8a)

I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is being deposited with the United States Postal Service on the date shown below with sufficient postage as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Mail Stop Amendment, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

Date: 1/9/2006

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